

The weight of having the Society officially do this work cannot be overestimated. It then becomes a purely impersonal matter and must receive more attention than the complaint of a single person. All the Chinese "doctors" have been rounded up, and all those who can be located through the directory or the telephone book, or who advertise in the daily papers, are being gathered in. The Committee has retained the services of Mr. Wm. Maguire, Hayward Building, San Francisco, to prosecute this work, and it urges all physicians in the city to notify Mr. Maguire, or some member of the Committee, of the name and address of any illegal practitioners known to them. With the Society backing the work, and the mayor and the chief of police aiding in it, it ought not to take very long to clean up San Francisco.

The careful attention of the physicians of Los Angeles County is respectfully called to the work of this Committee. There is every reason why Los Angeles ought to clean itself up; a member of the Board of Examiners has dubbed it "the Mecca of the quack," and report is to the effect that he is about right. If county societies, as such, will take up the work, a great deal can be accomplished, for the weight of a body of physicians in any community is much greater than most men realize.

#### DRIESBACH SMITH.

Dr. Driesbach Smith, whose life work ended November 15, 1904, was a native of Ohio, born October 9, 1861. Dr. Smith was associated with Dr. John Robertson as assistant physician at the Livermore Sanitarium, and was for several years lecturer on nervous diseases at the Cooper Medical College, and in 1904 was elected professor of neurology in that College. For twelve years he was one of the medical staff of the Napa State Hospital for the Insane. His name is and must ever be inseparably connected with this great charity, as during these years a part, at least, of his best professional work was accomplished. A word of tribute to the memory of our departed friend may not be amiss, though there are times when silence would better express our feelings than many words.

So long as a single tower of the noble edifice where he spent so many years of his life shall point heavenward, so long as a ray of memory shall flash across the darkened mental horizon of such afflicted people, so long as mental alienation and nervous diseases shall be the subject of investigation and its unfortunate possessors the objects of kindly care and treatment, just so long will the name of Dr. Driesbach Smith remain unforgotten.

A. M. GARDNER.

#### DAVID AND GOLIATH.

We thought last month that if the Trustees of the American Medical Association read the CALIFORNIA STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, they would sooner or later begin to feel that someone was talking about them, and that it might be incumbent upon some of them to reply. Our worst fears have been realized. The President of the Board of Trustees has come out in the open, and, like Goliath of old, has defied the apparently insignificant force who are fighting for what they esteem right and proper in medical journalism and in the conduct of medical organizations. Let him take heed, however, for every Goliath sooner or later meets his David, and there is a David this very minute waiting for persons who indulge in unseemly boasting before the combat.—*The Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey.*

Dr. Wm. Lemoyne Wills, of Los Angeles, married, at noon on November 23d, Miss Susan Glassell Patton. Dr. Wills' many friends in all parts of the State will undoubtedly be glad to learn the good news and wish him a long life and a happy one.

#### RESOLUTIONS REGARDING ADVERTISING.

On November 26th there was held in San Francisco a conference of the Council, officers and a number of Delegates of the State Society. A number of questions were discussed at this time, but no action was taken on any particular one of them except the passage of the following resolutions:

*Whereas*, The Principles of Medical Ethics promulgated by the American Medical Association wisely state that "It is derogatory to professional character for physicians to prescribe or promote the use of secret remedies." And

*Whereas*, Advertising secret remedies in the pages of medical journals is considered to promote their use; and

*Whereas*, A remedy is well defined as "Any agent or substance used in the treatment of disease", and such a remedy is a secret remedy unless its exact nature or composition or the quantities of its active ingredients are plainly stated in the advertising statements relating to such remedy; Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Council and officers of the Medical Society of the State of California, in conference assembled, instruct the secretary to respectfully call these matters to the attention of the Trustees of the American Medical Association, and request that they discontinue the practice of advertising secret remedies in the pages of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, of which journal we are, jointly with all other members of the Association, the owners. And we further request that the Trustees in the conduct of our said journal—the *Journal of the American Medical Association*—apply the rules adopted by the Association at its last meeting, as recommended by the special Committee on Proprietary Remedies, governing the rejection of advertisements submitted for publication in the journal of the Association, which rules are as follows:

#### Articles to be Refused Admission.

1. Medicinal articles of secret composition:
2. Articles for internal medicinal use advertised, or in any manner exploited, as remedies or cures to the laity:
3. Medicinal articles of known composition whose formulæ do not give the exact quantities of the active medicinal agents and their names in recognized scientific terms:
4. Articles with trade names, without the true scientific chemical name, or if mixtures or pharmaceutical preparations, without a pharmaceutical title which describes its pharmaceutical character and the principal active ingredients.

We also respectfully ask that the Trustees call the attention of the members of the Association, through the editorial pages of the *Journal*, to that portion of the principles of ethics herein referred to, and the desirability of living up to it and of refraining from the use or promotion of secret remedies.

#### Additions and corrections to list of Legislators, published in December JOURNAL:

##### Senators.

Bauer, Hamilton A., 22d Dist., 1838 Geary st., San Francisco; Bunkers, Harry, 18th Dist., 1923 Mission st., San Francisco.

Coggins, Clifford, 2d Dist., La Moine; Curtin, J. B., 12th Dist., Sonora.

Diggs, Marshall, 6th Dist., Marysville.

Emmons, E. J., 32d Dist., Bakersfield.

French, Frank, 20th Dist., 230 Duncan st., San Francisco.

Hahn, Benj. W., 36th Dist., Pasadena.

Leavitt, Frank W., 16th Dist., 174 10th st., Oakland.

Pendleton, C. W., 38th Dist., Los Angeles.

Ralston, W. C., 10th Dist., Melones; Rowell, Chester, 26th Dist., Fresno.